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EAST DEAN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,  
CINDERFORD,  
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November, 1947.

To the Chairman and Members of the East Dean  
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Annual Report for 1946.

We have the honour to present to you the report on the health conditions of the district during the year 1946.

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health certain matters such as tuberculosis (including the allowance schemes, venereal disease, including tracing of contacts and follow up of defaulters), the care of premature infants and illegitimate children, and the steps taken to combat infestation which lie in the jurisdiction of the County Authorities, have been left out. It is thought however, that the more important matters have been dealt with.

Vital Statistics.

	<u>Legitimate.</u>	<u>Illegitimate.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births.			
Male.	187.	19.	206.
Female.	183.	11.	194.
Still Births.			
Male.	6.	0.	6.
Female.	3.	1.	4.
Death of infants under 1 year old.			
Male.	9.	1.	10.
Female.	8.	0.	8.
Deaths.			
Male.	131.		
Female.	116.		247.

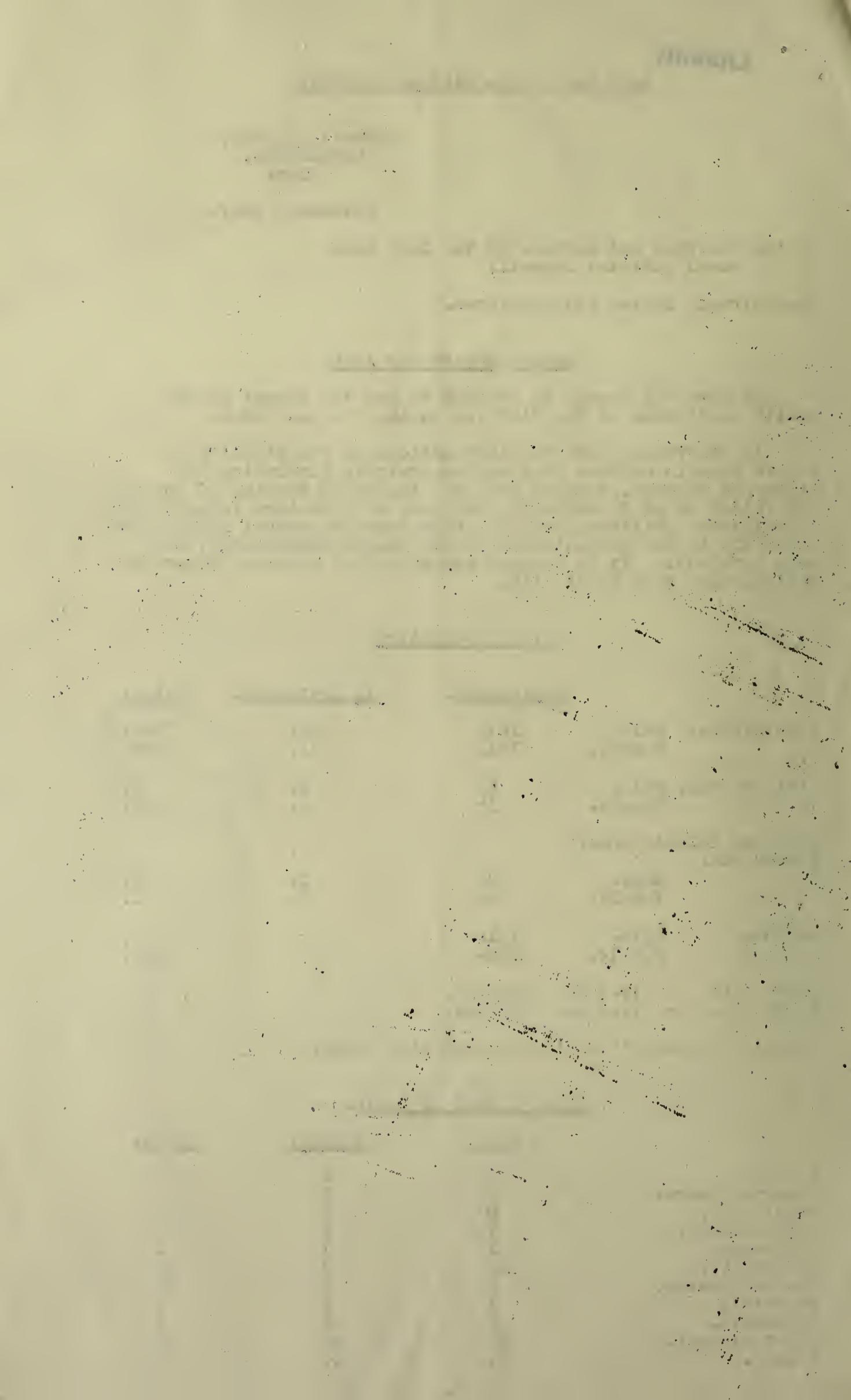
Birth rate. - 19.7 per thousand.

Death rate. - 12.2 per thousand.

Registrar General's estimate population 20220.

Chief Causes of Death.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Measles.	0	0	0
Whooping Cough.	0	0	0
Diphtheria.	0	0	0
Tuberculosis.	7	8	15
Influenza.	1	1	2
Bronchitis.	16	3	19
Violent Causes.	6	4	10
Nephritis	1	2	3
Pneumonia.	5	4	9
Heart Disease.	34	35	69
Cancer.	21	10	31



Vital Statistic

Infectious Diseases Notified.

	<u>0-5.</u>	<u>5-15.</u>	<u>Over 15.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>No. of cases to hospital.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	3	9	1	13	
Whooping Cough.	18	11	2	31.	
Acute Pneumonia.	1	2	9	12.	
Diphtheria.	2	2	4	8.	
Erysipelas.	0	0	1	1.	
Measles.	1	1	1	3.	
Ophthalmia.	0	0	0	0.	
Neonatorum.					

Tuberculosis.

Total Number of Cases notified during 1946. 39.

Pulmonary. 26. Non-Pulmonary. 13.

No on the register 239.

<u>Males.</u>		<u>Females.</u>	
<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>
70	71	62	36

Scabies.

During the year scabies has been officially non-existent.

Measles.

Measles occurred in non-epidemic numbers and were of a very mild type. No deaths were reported as due to these cases.

Immunisation.

During 1946, the following number of cases were immunised, the figures being in their age groups.

<u>0 - 1 year.</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>5 - 6 years.</u>	<u>1</u>
1 - 2 "	112.	6 - 7 "	3
2 - 3 "	58.	7 - 8 "	2
3 - 4 "	16.	8 - 9 "	1
4 - 5 "	12.	9 - 10 "	-
Total under 5 years.	<u>206.</u>	10 - 11 "	1
		11 - 12 "	1
		12 - 13 "	1
		13 - 14 "	-
		14 - 15 "	1

Total 5 - 15 years. 10.

There was again no serious outbreak of infectious diseases.

During the year the Scarlet fever and Measles were of a mild type, and the number of cases of Diphtheria was very low.

H.H.SUMPTION.  
Acting Medical Officer of Health.



SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1946.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The deferred Scheme for the Ruardean Parish was re-opened and the preliminaries proceeded with.

- 12 connections to the sewer were made.
- 10 premises made improvements to closet accommodation with drainage to septic tanks and filter beds.
- 6 improvements in the provision of baths and W.C. accommodation.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The Refuse from the greater part of East Dean Township is collected by the Council. Contracts were renewed for the isolated parts of the Drybrook and Rusbridge Wards and for Blakeney Hill Ward.

Contracts were also renewed for the Parishes of Ruardean, Littledean, Mitcheldean and Awre.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Inspections under the Public Health Acts.	178.
Complaints (not included in above).	76.
Factory & Workshops.	16.
Preliminary Notices served under the Public Health Acts.	27.
Statutory Notices served under the Public Health Acts.	2.
Cowsheds and Dairies.	68.
8 Improvements in Cowsheds and Dairies were carried out during the year.	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

23 rooms fumigated after Infectious Diseases.  
19 visits to contacts of Smallpox were made.

BUG ERADICATION.

4 Houses were sprayed for minor infestation.

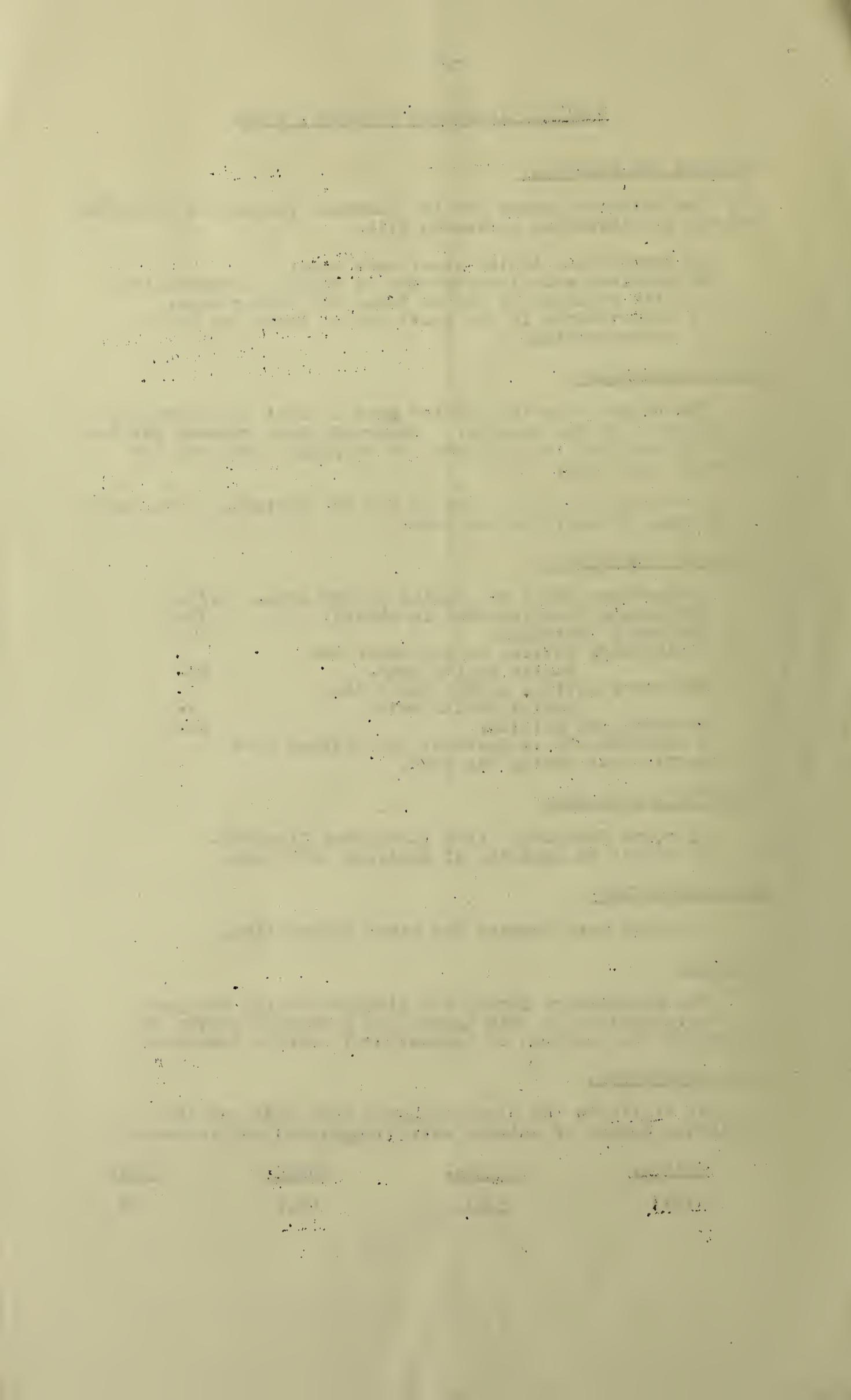
HOUSING.

The Preliminary Survey was finished during the year by the inspection of 2016 houses and a further survey to determine the position of agricultural workers commenced.

FOOD INSPECTION.

571 visits to the Slaughterhouse were made and the following number of animals were slaughtered and inspected:-

<u>Cattle.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
1217	1391	6647	38



SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (Continued).

The following amount of Meat was condemned:-

19 Cattle.		14077 lbs.
4 Calves.		410 lbs.
3 Sheep.		87 lbs.
1 Pig.		155 lbs.
Beef.		1298 lbs.
69 Heads. (Bovine)		2254 lbs.
120 Lungs. -do-		1227 lbs.
152 Livers. -do-		2187 lbs.
245 Part Livers. -do-		1405 lbs.
508 Livers (Sheep)		838 lbs.

Other Foods.:-

92/6 lb tins of Corned Beef.  
19 Tins of Meat.  
20 Tins of Fish.  
59 Tins of Vegetables.  
52 Tins of Milk.  
2 Tins of Pud ing.  
85 lbs Dates.  
28 lbs of Prunes.  
28 lbs of Flour.  
18 lbs Cheese.  
5 lbs of Sugar.

A.W.COLLINSON.  
Sanitary Inspector.

SURVEYOR AND WATER ENGINEERS' REPORT  
1946.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply to the consumers was maintained throughout 1946 without having to resort to curtailment during night time. The yield was sufficient to meet the demand.

Water pumped from the springs and wells at the Greenbottom Pumping Station amount to 141,500,000 gallons, giving an average daily consumption of 385,997 gallons. This is an increase of 54,000 gallons daily over the consumption in 1945. In 1946 the daily consumption per head of the population served was 22.75 gallons.

Two small extensions of the Council's water mains were carried out during the Year, these being:-

1. Reddings Lane, Littledean, and
2. Batts' Lane, Morse Road, Drybrook.

No further work was carried out at the trial borehole sunk in Ruardean Parish.

The Council has given consideration to the question of participating in the proposed formation of the Forest of Dean Joint Water Board, and details are being worked out between the Consulting Engineers of the interested Authorities.

Churcham and Huntley Water Supply Scheme is being prepared.



SURVEYOR'S REPORT (Continued).

Sewers and Sewage Purification Works.

The whole of the sewers in the Council's area have functioned satisfactorily during the year.

The Sewage Purification Works at Littledean, Mitcheldean, and Soudley (East Dean) functioned fairly satisfactorily but the question of the disposal of sludge has not yet been effectively dealt with.

Housing.

Of the 134 existing houses controlled by the Council, all are in need of some repair and re-decoration. Owing to the lack of materials, however, only extremely urgent work has been carried out.

Six Swedish Timber Houses (four at the Pludds, and two at Townsend, Mitcheldean) are in course of erection, as are three traditional houses at Silver Street, Littledean, all of which should be completed early in 1947.

Housing by private enterprise is still severely restricted, and since June 1947 it has not been possible for the Council to grant any licences for houses by private enterprise.

Prior to June, however, two such licences were granted and the work is proceeding on both dwellings.

Plans.

90 Plans were submitted to the Council for approval, work having been commenced or completed on the following:-

Completed.

1. Caravan.
9. New Garages.
15. Alterations and additions to existing dwellings.
2. New Buildings for business purposes.
3. Extensions to existing business premises.
2. Farm buildings.
2. New houses (mentioned above).
5. Other works.

Commenced but not completed.

4. Conversions of existing building into dwelling houses.
2. Workshops.
1. Garage.
1. Alteration to existing dwelling house.

Council's Housing Programme.

During the Year, numerous sites have been inspected, with a view to their being used as sites for new houses. Of the sites found to be suitable, surveys and preliminary drawings, for submission to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Town and Country Planning, are being undertaken.

